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SUBJECT: CROSLAND VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. WE RAISED REF A WITH SEMPLE, CROSLAND'S PRIVATE SECRETARY WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM ON US VISIT. SEMPLE EMPHASIZED THAT OVERALL PURPOSE OF VISIT IS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, NOT NEGOTIATION. HOWEVER, SAID SEMPLE, CROSLAND'S BRIEFING INCLUDES FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS:

A. IN EPA CROSLAND MAY RAISE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SALE OF BRITISH POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. CROSLAND HAS ALSO BEEN BRIEFED ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY REGARDING US MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION STANDARDS WHICH HE MAY RAISE "IN PASSING." SPECIFICALLY HE WILL PROBABLY INQUIRE INTO PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING EPA APPROVAL FOR CERTIFICATION TESTING IN UK FOR MOTOR VEHICLES DESTINED FOR EXPORT TO US. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, SEMPLE SAID CONCORDE IS NOT RPT NOT ONE OF THE SUBJECTS CROSLAND PLANS TO RAISE ALTHOUGH HE COULD DISCUSS IT IN A VERY GENERAL WAY IF ASKED.

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B. IN DOT, CROSLAND'S INTEREST IS PRINCIPALLY URBAN TRANSPORTATION ESPECIALLY ITS FINANCING. HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF SALES OF BRITISH RAILWAY EQUIPMENT AND BUSES IN THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS ALSO BEEN BRIEFED ON DOT REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS TO BE MANUFACTURED TO CERTAIN SPECIFICATIONS AND TESTED IN US WHICH BRITISH CONTENT HAS PREVENTED UK GAS CYLINDERS FROM BEING SOLD IN US.

C. IN HUD, CROSLAND IS INTERESTED IN HOUSING AND IN THE HUD/DOE AGREEMENT.

2. SEMPLE SAID THAT WASHINGTON CONTROL OFFICERS ARE BEING BRIEFED ON ABOVE POINTS AND WILL PROBABLY CALL WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO ADVISE THEM OF SPECIFIC POINTS CROSLAND MIGHT WISH TO RAISE.

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